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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date January 19, 2007

In re the Application of

Douglas A. SCHEIN et al.

Group Art Unit: 3734

Application No.: 10/646,801

Examiner: D. YABUT

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Docket No.: 115621

For: CANNULAS, CANNULA MOUNT ASSEMBLIES, AND CLAMPING METHODS USING SUCH CANNULAS AND CANNULA MOUNT ASSEMBLIES

**SMALL ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 19, 2006, an extension of time for a period of TWO months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 188555 in the amount of \$225 in payment for:

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